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§ 958.86 Personal liability.

No member or alternate of the committee nor any employee or agent thereof, shall be held personally responsible, either individually or jointly with others, in any way whatsoever, to any handler or to any person for errors in judgment, mistakes, or other acts, either of commission or omission, as such member, alternate, employee, or agent, except for acts of dishonesty, wilful misconduct, or gross negligence.

§ 958.87 Separability.

If any provision of this subpart is declared invalid, or the applicability thereof to any person, circumstance, or thing is held invalid, the validity of the remainder of this subpart, or the applicability thereof to any other person, circumstance, or thing, shall not be affected thereby.

§ 958.88 Amendments.

Amendments to this subpart may be proposed, from time to time, by the committee or by the Secretary.

§ 958.89 Counterparts.

This agreement may be executed in multiple counterparts and when one counterpart is signed by the Secretary, all such counterparts shall constitute, when taken together, one and the same instrument as if all signatures were contained in one original.

[41 FR 29135, July 15, 1976]

§ 958.90 Additional parties.

After the effective date hereof, any handler may become a party to this agreement if a counterpart is executed by him and delivered to the Secretary. This agreement shall take effect as to such new contracting party at the time such counterpart is delivered to the Secretary, and the benefits, privileges, and immunities conferred by this agreement shall then be effective as to such new contracting party.

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§ 958.91 Order with marketing agreement.

Each signatory handler requests the Secretary to issue, pursuant to the act, an order providing for regulating the

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handling of onions in the same manner as is provided for in this agreement.

The undersigned hereby authorizes the Director, or Acting Director, Fruit and Vegetable Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, to correct any typographical errors which may have been made in this marketing agreement.

In witness whereof, the contracting parties, acting under the provisions of the act, for the purpose and subject to the limitations therein contained, and not otherwise, have hereto set their respective signatures and seals.

(Firm name)
By: _____
(Signature)¹
(Mailing address)
(Title)
(Corporate Seal; if none, so state)
(Date of execution)

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Subpart—Rules and Regulations

§ 958.112 Fiscal period.

The fiscal period shall begin July 1 of each year and end June 30 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

[68 FR 48531, Aug. 14, 2003]

§ 958.160 Reestablishment of Districts.

(a) Pursuant to § 958.27(b) the following districts are reestablished:

(1) District No. 5 (Parma-Wilder area): That portion of Canyon County lying west and north of a line commencing at the junction of the north boundary of Canyon County and Range 4, Township 12 east, thence south along this line to Soeck Road, thence west along Soeck Road one-fourth mile to Notus Road, thence south along Notus Road to Highway 19, thence west one mile along Highway 19 to Friends Road, thence south along Friends Road to Boundary Road, thence east one-half mile along Boundary Road to Plum Road, thence south along Plum Road

¹If one of the contracting parties to this agreement is a corporation my signature constitutes certification that I have the power granted to me by the Board of Directors to bind this corporation to the marketing agreement.

to Homedale Road, thence west along Homedale Road to the western boundary of Canyon County.

(2) District No. 6 (Caldwell-Nampa-Homedale and southern Idaho area): That portion of Canyon County not included in District No. 5 plus all of the counties in the Idaho portion of the production area not included within District No. 1.

(b) Terms used in this section have the same meaning as when used in said marketing agreement and this part.

[39 FR 1601, Jan. 11, 1974]

§ 958.240 Assessment rate.

On and after July 1, 2005, an assessment rate of \$0.10 per hundredweight is established for Idaho-Eastern Oregon onions.

[70 FR 32483, June 6, 2005]

§ 958.250 Assessment Credit Report.

Each handler may receive a credit for assessments on onions that have been levied in accordance with §§ 958.42 and 958.240 and are subsequently regraded, resorted, or repacked within the production area, or shipped in accordance with § 958.328(e) by furnishing the "Assessment Credit Report" and such other information as required to the committee.

[71 FR 65040, Nov. 7, 2006]

Subpart—Handling Regulations

§ 958.328 Handling regulation.

No person shall handle any lot of onions, except braided red onions, unless such onions are at least "moderately cured," as defined in paragraph (h) of this section, and meet the requirements of paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section, or unless such onions are handled in accordance with paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) or (g) of this section.

(a) *Grade and size requirements—(1) White varieties (except cipolline (Borettana) varieties).* Shall be either:

(i) U.S. No. 1, 1 inch minimum to 2 inches maximum diameter; or

(ii) U.S. No. 1, at least 1½ inches minimum diameter. However, neither of these two categories of onions may be commingled in the same bag or other container.

(2) *Cipolline (Borettana) varieties and red varieties.* U.S. No. 2 or better grade, at least 1½ inches minimum diameter.

(3) *All other varieties.* Shall be either:

(i) U.S. No. 2 or U.S. Commercial grade, at least 3 inches minimum diameter, but not more than 30 percent of the lot shall be comprised of onions of U.S. No. 1 quality when packed in containers weighing less than 60 pounds; or

(ii) U.S. No. 1, 1¾ inches minimum to 2¾ inches maximum diameter; or

(iii) U.S. No. 1, at least 2¼ inches minimum diameter.

However, none of these three categories of onions may be commingled in the same bag or other container.

(b) *Pack.* Onions packed as U.S. Commercial grade in containers weighing less than 60 pounds shall have the grade marked permanently and conspicuously on the container.

(c) *Inspection.* No handler may handle any onions regulated hereunder unless such onions are inspected by the Federal-State Inspection Service and are covered by a valid applicable inspection certificate, except when relieved of such requirement pursuant to paragraph (d), (e) or (g) of this section.

(d) *Onions for peeling, chopping, or slicing.* Onions that have been inspected and certified as meeting the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section and that are subsequently peeled, chopped, or sliced for fresh market within the production area may be handled without reinspection: *Provided the following:*

(1) Each handler making shipments of onions for alteration or performing alteration by peeling, chopping, or slicing must furnish the committee the following information on the "Fresh Cut Report" and such other documents as required:

(i) Business name, address, telephone number, signature, and the date the form was signed;

(ii) The date of peeling, chopping, or slicing;

(iii) Inspection certificate number;

(iv) The quantity of onions; and

(v) Such other information as may be required by the committee.

(2) Handlers who peel, chop, or slice onions produced outside the production area must provide the committee with